FIRST RACING EVENTS PROVIDE DANDY SPORT

State Fair Meet Opens With Excellent Card, and Contests Are Close.

PACERS MAKE GOOD TIME

Crystal Lewis Goes First Heat in 2:1114-Leoma, Money and Nettie Walnut Take Flat Races-Start To-Day at 1:30 o'Clock.

Richmond's racing season got away to an auspicious start yesterday, when an excellent card was presented at the state Fair, and resulted in the closest kinds of finishes. The one harness event was closely contested in each of its three heats, while in the first two heats, but could not overhaul Hal Conner in the next three. Ira C., favorite in the 2:14 trot, lost the first heat to David Look, due to a break, but won the next two in handy style. Summarjes:

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-It was excellent sport throughout, and the several hundred fans who gathered for the opening day's events were well rewarded. From the indications given yesterday, Secretary Horace P. Murphy has been successful in gathering some unusually speedy animals for the present meet, and the racing throughout the week should be of a high-order. An indication of the speed anown yesterday is given in pointing out that the fastest heat of the 2:17 pace was completed in just 2:11 1-4, while the winner of the slowest heat covered the distance in 2:13 1-2.

The track yesterday, while considerably improved over that of last sea-The track yesterday, while considerably improved over that of last season, was only fair. Sprinklers were Some little dust that drifted in over Richmond's misnamed "betting ring." Before the final heat of the pacing event, however, a couple of water event, however, a couple of water wagons appeared and, while they were sprry fair-time sights for most of those following the ponies, they contributed considerably to making the races more

considerably to making the races more cilloyable.

To-day everything will be moving along briskly, according to Secretary Murphy. The track will be watered several times during the morning and packed well before the horses are called for the opening harness race, and additional water will be used as required during the afternoon. The horses will be called promptly at 1 o'clock, and the first race will be started at 1:30 o'clock sharp.

the first race will be started at 1.05 o'clock sharp.

Harness Races Are Close.

Each of the three heats in the 2:17 pace was closely contested, and provided excellent sport for those interested in the harness events. During the first heat, the horses were well bunched, at no time did either of them have a lead by any means safe. Crystal Lewis and Twinkle March came into the stretch neck and neck, and fought desperately until the finish. Crystal Lewis taking the heat by a

In the second heat, the real race deheat was the easiest of all for Crystal Lewis, who got away excellently and was never headed, leading Twinkle March by nearly a length at the finish. The first flat race brought ten starters to the barrier and resulted in a hard-fought contest. The animals were well bunched until they reached the turn, where they straightened out for a brief spell, only to bunch again on the stretch. There the diding became rough and several horses were boxed.

Abother dandy start was secured for the final event. Billie II. taking the lead and remaining well out in front until entering the stretch. Then Nettle Walnut began drawing up, and finally ran around him close to the finish, winning by half a length. Aunt Elsle crossed the line at Billie II.'s heels and annexed third money.

**Abother dandy start was secured for them difficult to reach, the Sox rooters thing that no matter who goes in against Chicago, the result will be the same.

Pitching possibilities are always a matter of speculation. If Manager Rowland starts Cicotte, McGraw may send Sallee in to oppose him. Another

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The summary:

**First race—2.17 pace: purse, \$100:

Crestal Lewis, b. g., W. F. Miller,
Washington, D. C.

Twinkle March, g. g. J. H. Hell,
Bridgetown, Va.

June Hall, b. m., Edge Hill Stock
Farm, Shawsylle, Vg.
Lucella, br. mit, L. D. Edens, Row
Ind. N. Ge. 4. D. Edens, Row
Lond, N. G. 4. D. Edenton,
N. C.

Long Shot, b. g. James C. Smith & 6.6.5

Time—2:11 1-4

Second race (five furious; all ages) \$500,
—Leoma, William C. Seinn 128, first Dignify, W. R. Hurst, Dissected, Miss France,
Gacili, Silk Eussell, Sire Get Oner, Almandard, and Canary Bird also ran, Time—

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Third race (five furiouss; all ages) \$500,
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TO ANNEX OHIO TITLE

(By Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, October 8.—Cleveland, by defeating the Cincinnati Reds here folagy, 8 to 6, still has an outside Chance to win the major league championship of Ohio. The series stands: Reds, 3; Cleveland, 1.

Solid hitting off Toney, who won from the Indians in the opening game in the third by Mike Regan, who was not wery effective, five runs being gather feed off him.

Score by innings:

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OUTSIDER TAKES FUTURITY AT GRAND CIRCUIT RACING

Opera Express Captures Valuable
Event—Mabel Trank Defeats St.
Frisco in the Castleton.
(By Associated Precs.)
LEXINGTON, KY., October \$.—A spiendid racing program of five events, including the Castleton stake, which was won by Mabel Trask, and the champion futurity, won by Opera Express, were the features of to-day's Grand Circuit meeting. The meeting of Mabel Trask and St. Frisco overshadowed all else, and considering the shadowed all else, and considering the cold, raw day, a good crowd was The champion futurity, worth \$5,000,

Summarjes:
2:17 trot, three in five, \$1,000:
Measles, ch. g., by Sidney Earl
(Hardie)
Frances Belmont, b. m. (Erwin) 4 2 2 Allerton Heir, br. h. (Halde-Anne Cecil, Island Queen and Drogheds also started. Best time,

(Jamieson) 2 3 3 3 3 Canute and Major Hayt also started.

in three, \$2.000: Mabel Trask, ch. m., by Peter the Great (Cox) 1 1 been be Series is Series is wick the trot. 3 in 5, \$5,000:

Opera Express, ch. g., by
Atlantic Express (Flow.

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Bonnie Del, hr. g., by Del Coronado (Hinds) 6 2 1 Coronado (Hinds) 6 2 1 6 game because Snodgrass misjudged an ols) 7 6 2 2 Pingen Silk, Lotto Watts, Michailowa and Suldine also started. Best time, 2:08 3-4. 2:14 trot, two in three, \$1.000:

GIANTS CONFIDENT

OF WINNING TO-DAY

(Continued from First Page.) weighed hetween Juno Hall and Lu-cella for third and fourth places. Crys-tal Lewis once more won after hard driving from Twinkle March, and Juno looking for longer odds. Bets were But no one can tell what is in his mind, contended that it would have been York would win two games in the if he loses to-morrow it will practiit requires to get an order in the well-Series.

send Sallee in to oppose him. Another

st race—five and one-half furiones— 8 Barkley, 168 (Gentry), 26.66, 53.56, won: Parlor Maid, 100 (Donahue), 55.76, second; Miss Agnes, 103 (Martin), 34.36, 1 Time, 1.58 2-3. Courier, Patriotic, 2, Dr. Buchi, Lantly Day, Mary's Beau, ita, John Hymer, Unar and Rookwood ran, That face (the fortelex) all uses root.

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WHITE SOX CONFIDENT

DEFEATED GIANTS RETURN TO MORBID GOTHAM TOWN

Little Enthusiasm Shown in Team

Players Use Statistics to Prove Chance—Cleotte Pitches To-Day. BY ARTHUR STRUWE.

NEW YORK, October 8 .- Confident that they will "clean up," the White Sox, champions of the American League. was won by the outsider. Opera Express, bred and owned by W. B. Dickerman. The race produced some of the closest finishes of the meeting. Measles, Grounds to-morrow. With two victories a winner Saturday, repeated in easy style, taking the 2:17 trot in straight chalked to their credit the men from as they alighted from the train and

in another train the Giants-disheartened, discouraged, but, nevertheless, with a ray of confidence still permeating their systems-came home None of the hurrah and bang, which usually greets a winner, was in evi-In fact, McGraw's band was hardly noticed. Some few dyed-in-the-wool fans were there to meet the National League champions, and they en-igen and couraged them with shouts of "Don't give up." But the shouts were halfhearted and had little cheer to the wall and must loosen up their heavy artillery to even have a look-in baseball's premier honors.

Although the Glants know they are Best time, 2:07 3-4. have an outside chance to grab off the The Castleton, free-for-all trot, two big series, they are going back to the days of other world's series. They point out that even though they have been beaten in first two games, trick." The Giants point out that five years ago in the series with the Red Sox they came back after losing three straight and evened up the series, played a tie, and then lost the final

when world's series were in their infancy and point out that the Red Sox, trimmed by the Pirates in the first trio of games, came out a winner,

But despite their dope and the fact that outwardly they are full of confidence, there is a sort of nervousness in the Giants' ranks that will not down The most disconsolate member of the Giants is Ferdie Schupp. The Louisville kid is all "broke up" over the slamming he received from the White Sox in Chicago yesterday. He wants his home town club to the last penny." another crack at the American League He is rep, in that he has the last penny, champions. He believes he will do a all right. "come back" stunt. Whether Mana- The world's series players spent to-ger McGraw will give him the oppor- day spread out along the lines of the if the Giant leader would send Sallee pied four special cars on the Michigan back at the White Sox to-morrow. Central Limited, although Phil McGuire cally be all over but the shouting. ton has not been worked yet. a safe bet that McGraw will send New York fans are hopeful that the another left-hander to the firing line.

will start hitting. They figure that common figures are not the tape without common and Kauff, who failed to connect safely in the two games at the longer of position, while clorden liusger. Fought away sufficiently from the connect safely in the two games at this hole, Rowland wants to make it three straight, and thus have a copperative of the clight entraints kept well bunched until the turn, where it was saic later there was some crowding and a bit of fighting among the jockeys.

The followers of the Western team.

They figure that more he pitches the better he fools the copposing batsmen. With two aces in the hole, Rowland wants to make it three straight, and thus have a copperative of, double-barrel clinch on the first two games. That the Sox would "rake" them in both games is common the following day.

The followers of the Western team.

The followers of the Western team. They figure that more he pitches the better he fools the their utter astonishment over the re connect safely in the two games at Chicago, are about due to break loose with their bats. The Giants confidently series. He will undoubtedly send in would "rake" them in both games is

looked over McGraw's best pitchers, perform and lacks the material to make he got two runs und with the exception of Benton, and a thorough job of it. McGraw has been thought it was a cinch. called the "Napoleon of baseball." He her once, and it looks again as if he suddenly lost it."

Gotham "Het Up" Over Game. Despite the reverses suffered by the Glants, New York is all "het up" for the opening game to-morrow. Tickets for the game are scarce. A record-breaking crowd will be on hand. Speculators, despite the statements that they have not gotten any of the coveted pasteboards, are asking \$35 a set for the tickets to the two games. One speculator wante 1 \$20 a piece for two seats for to-morrow's game.

At the park everything is ready for the handling of a capacity crowd. Hundreds of fans are already at the gates, ready for an all-night vigil and be the first to get tickets at the public sale, which will start at 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

To put his curve and twist to a far apparently having perfect command of it in the beginning. It is not an unusual occurrence. Fred Anderson, the spitballer, who relieved Schupp with the bases full and retired the side, and who thus got away under suspicious circumstances, had much the same experience.

"I couldn't break the ball where I wanted to," said the North Carolina dentist. "When I was able to put it there."

They're a funny-hitting club," commented Slim Salice, the old sunbaked side-winder from St. Louis, who pitched

CRITICS DIVIDE VIEWS

SOME SAY SERIES IS FARCE; WITH OTHERS IT'S TRAGEDY

Knuff's Apparel One Bright Spot-Giants Have Not Recovered From First Surprises.

BY, DAMON RUNYON.

The third performance goes on at the

belief that it should have a stronger in Philadelphia. third act to get over in these parts. as well close the box office and send followed the big town men in.

As soon as they reached New York, the show to storage.

As soon as they reached New York
The one trunk, which came in with the Giants disappeared to their vari-

the other world's series props to-night, ous homes, belonged to Benny Kauff. He uses it the Hotel belonged to Benny Kauff. He uses it to confine his wardrobe.

by Benny's apparel kept the other lug- and it was the center of world's serie gan Central Limited awake all Sunday

lowers of baseball drama for the role of leading man in the show which opened in Chicago Saturday, so he went equipped with scenic effects to fit the 'Happy" Felsch stole the show on

Benny, and now Benny's sartorial ap-purtenances are good for nothing, except to wear. "Hap" Felsch is one of those fellows who wears clothes which cannot be heard more than a block away. Thus the vagaries of base-

back" stunt. Whether Manaback will give him the opporing problematical. It looks as Giant leader would send Sallee at the White Sox to-morrow. Central Limited, although Phil McGuire at the White Sox to-morrow. Central Limited, although Phil McGuire at the White Sox to-morrow. Central Limited, although Phil McGuire absolute indifference. If the dog choose to come to heel, let him have his own Ben- played dining car, and the Giants had There was nothing of what one might

Cicotte will be asked to repeat for ers were not particularly downhearted, Glants' pitching staff will pull itself the White Sox to-morrow. The "shine- but neither were they especially joyful.

officiate, but you can never tell what baseball managers will do. The announcement may be sent out to throw settled back on their sidelines with a relief confident that he was however, flushed with two victories, scent another one to-morrow. Having looked over McGraw's best nitchers when looked over McGraw's looked like a man looked over McGraw's looked like a man looked over McGraw's looked like a man looked like a ma "He lost all his stuff quicker'n you

should be called the "hard luck kid of could bat an eye," said one of the playworld's series." Out of four chances, ers. "Nobody can account for it. He McGraw has only brought home a winhad it when he started, and then he Unable to Work Curves.

In other words, Schupp was unable Despite the reverses suffered by the to put his curve and twist to the ball, Giants, New York is all "het up" for after apparently having perfect com-

ing game and crossed them again, when he started Schupp instead of Perritt in the second game.

Of all the pitchers who worked on Sunday, big Jeff Tesreau showed the greatest effectiveness. The Glant mountaineer was grinning widely, and seemed quite at ease. He has been through several world series, and has

With two games in the bag, it is reasonable to assume that Rowland wili-start Tex Russell, his left-hander. NEW YORK, October 8.-Kit and that would leave him Cicotte for the kettle, bag and suit case, and one trunk, fourth, and perhaps the final game. fourth, and perhaps the final game. Some think he will use Cicotte to-

morrow, however.

The White Sox are very familiar with the Polo Grounds. This is where Pole Grounds to-morrow afternoon.

After viewing the two matinees in Chicago, the critics seem somewhat divided in opinion as to the nature of the Mational League takes the worst of it in the series, because few of them had ever seen the White Sox yard before, much less played on it. Joe Jackson, of the White Sox, holds nounce it comedy, while others declare a Polo Ground record for long driving. it sheer farce. The Manhattan Island while Eddic Collins is almost as much

The White Sox train ran to Buffalo Sox would undoubtedly tone up the Clants were put in front, getting the finish for Broadway. If the per-formance is like those which took Sox rooters and a special loaded with place in Chicago, the Glants may just newspaper men and baseball officials

Ansonia, where they stay during the season. It is a good stout trunk, but it is The newspaper headquarters for the not sound proof, and the noise made series were established at the Biltinore

> GENTLENESS IS NECESSARY IN BREAKING GUN-SHY DOG

Too Much Work Should Be Avoided.

breaking a gun-shy dog, do not attempt much work, and, under no circumstances, apply force. The thing to do is to take the dog hunting every day without a gun. If there is a dog in the kennel that hunts well, he may be allowed to go afield with such a dog now and again. In all probability, he will walk to heel while the course of a few days he will

Bill Farnum, of the movies, who understudied Benny on the great sartorial scene, using a big yellow leather coat, and a cap, with a Scotch accent, which knocked Chicago's provincials right out of their \$5 seats, returned to New York with the Manhattan Island members of the cast.

Backed to Last Penny.

Bill is representative of the crowd which followed the Glants to Chicago, "prepared," as the papers say, "to back his home town club to the last penny," He is rep, in that he has the last penny, all right.

The world's series players spent today spread out along the lines of the see not see the pistol. Then he will ry the effect of light charges or the Michigan of caps or the Should the breaking of caps or the should the present that the dog is far away, taking care that the dog is far away. The office of light charges of pow-

BOANOKE GOLF TEAM WINS APPALACHIAN TOURNAMENT

on in the tournament of the Appa-achian Golf League, played on the tachian Golf League, played on the country club course here to-day, with a score of 539 to Lexington's 567. a score of 533 to Lexington's 557.
Lynchburg took the consolation prize,
with a total of 576. The Lynchburg,
Charlottesville and Bluefield teams
were disqualified in the morning qualifying matches

ment matches, a match was played between George Pierson and Dr. Car-C. A. Mercer, of Roanoke. Mercer and Pierson are professionals of the Roa-At a business meeting of the league M. Dyerle was elected president, and it was decided to hold the spring tournament at Bluefield on May 30, 1918. At this match the cup of the league will be played for.

ROANOKE HIGH WINNER OF SEASON'S INITIAL GAME

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE. VA., October S.—Roanoke High School opened the football season here to-day by defeating the Virginia Episcopal School of Lynchburg by a score of 28 to 6. The visitors were on the defensive practically the entire game, and only once did they have a chance to score. Quarter Back Heydenricch intercepted a forward pass and ran half the distance of the field for a touchdown. Roanoke High scored on straight football, McConnell and Gettie each making two touchdowns.

Richmond Boy on Staff of Cleveland Americans, Will Spend Winter In This City.

This City.

Joe Bochling, well known as one of the best pitchers ever developed in Richmond, formerly the hero of many an amateur game, and now a member of the pitching staff of the Cleveland Americans, has returned to this city for the winter.

Joe spent yesterday seeing the sights out at the Fair Grounds, and in shaking the welcome-to-our-midst paws of admiring fellow-townsmen. He credits himself with the best of health and with the expectation of quiet winter working here.

Cards Win City Title.
ST. LOUIS. October 8.—The St. Louis Nationals won the city championship by defeating the St. Louis Americans to-day, 6 to 1. Of the seven games the Nationals have won fou score:

des: Packard and Snyder; Dav enpor, Groom and Hartley.

AMUSEMENTS

LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE

"The Garden of Allah," dramatized from Robert Hichen's famous novel was greeted at the Academy of Music last evening by a record audience taxing the house to its capacity. Moreover, it was an audience embracing the best of Richmond's society, which presentation and staging and strength of east, will hardly be sur-cassed this season. And this is said with "Ben Hur" in the immediate fu-

orate, even luxurious, scenic effects. From the first raising of the curtain upon a desert scene depicting the upon a desert scene depicting the break of day, with the sun just ap-pearing above the horizon, the Arab alighting from his camel to make his merning prayer, through to the last scene at the Trappist Monastery, the staging was of unusual interest. The scene in Count Anteoni's garden was a polychrome of brilliant color, foliage to, make a stage picture of extreme beauty. Desert settings, dancing-hall interior, street scenes were all of real-

The personnel of the cast was well chosen and the various parts remark-ably well taken. Sarah Truax, as Domini Enfilden, is a woman of great charm and beauty and an actress of singular sweetness. Her scenes were gripping in their intensity and con-vincing in their sincerity. William Jeffrey, as Boris Androvsky, later re-vealed as the Trappist monk, Father his confession in the third part of the setting which is anything but ludicrous play, when he reached the heights of in reality. Ford and Goodrich do a dramatic art, holding his audience clever bit of acting in "You Can't Begripped in a spell which elicited the lieve Them," and Princess Mapella and keenest sympathy and completely enthralled the audience. Each member of the cast is entitled native airs of Hawail.

BOEHLING RETURNS TO TOWN to distinctive praise. Howard Gould was a distinguished and courtly Count Anteoni; Albert Andruss a genial and inspiring Father Roubier; Edward Ev erett an amusing and enlivening Cap-tain de Trevignac: Mr. de Valery made

a capital Arabian servant. The dancing-hall scene disclosed a realistic Arabian interior, the burning incense from which penetrated pleas-antly into the audience and the weird music of bass drum and flageolet, if such it was, added much to ental picture. The dance performed by the Arabian danseuse, styled Faddma, the Arabian danseuse, styled Faddma, carried all the indicia of genuineness and was barbaric and interesting. An-other characteristic touch was added by the Sand Diviner, an Arabian fortune-teller, whose incantations and revelations were decidedly Eastern.

Several caravans and "trains of the embraced camels and donkeys, as well as horses and goats, contribut-ing much to the realism of the drama.

The musical numbers were arranged with a view to the scheme drama, the most happy selections ba-Agnes Del" of Bizet.

It is unfortunate that mention must be made of the rudeness of parts of the audience who seriously interrupted Miss Truax's closing scene in effort to save a few minutes in making an early exit.

Ben Hur" Opens Thursday.

Klaw & Erlanger's new production of "Ben Hur," which has been attracting the theater crowds with greater reward this year than ever before, will Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Saturday matinee. It is the home of an old friend, who has conquered the stage world beyond all precedent, and being bound to be met with the most hearty greetings. Arthur Brisbane, the noted editor and writer, says it is the greatest play in 100 yars, and Billy Sunday wants 100,000,000 people to see it. Whether it is the thrilling chariot race with twenty madly galloping horses, the battle between the galleys, the soul-stirring scene on the Mount of reverential treatment of General Wallar power with the mixed world, and the play has continued a surefire cause One can take the whole family morthan once and always leave with a kindly and inspiring thought that clings to memory like ivy. There are 250 people in the cast, and the production is so massive that it travels by special train, the baggage along re-

much ability, endowed with a voice of When Georgia Darkies Go to France, Given the proper perspective, and one negroes in an outlying trench Antoine, who broke his vows and thed from the monastery into the world, minstrelsy which is thoroughly enfrom the monastery into the world, was a figure of intense interest throughout the drama, entering into his part convincingly, particularly, in his confession in the third part of the setting which is anything but ludicrous her Hawailan troupe of musicians please the audience with the appealing



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